Consolidation status of land holdings in Andhra Pradesh

3305. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is present status of consolidation of land holdings in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Central Government have given any suggestions to the State Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per the information received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, an area of 8.18 lakh acres has been consolidated. The Scheme has been discontinued since 1966.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Control of States over Panchayats

†3306. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have minimum control of States over Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Conference of Ministers of Panchayati Raj of the States was held on 11th July, 2001 at New Delhi in which it was, *inter-alia*, resolved that State Government intervention/control over Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) should be minimized.

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